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SUBJ: BUCARAM, OTHERS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL ELECTIONEERING

REF: QUITO 0277;

1. AUTHORITIES WERE QUICK TO SENTENCE THOSE 30 INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED JANUARY 15 (SEE REFTTEL) FOR ILLEGAL ELECTIONEERING. ASSAD BUCARAM, WHO CARRIED HIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES INTO THE VOTING PLACES, RECEIVED A 20 DAY JAIL TERM. POLITICAL NOTABLES RECEIVING 15 DAY SENTENCES INCLUDED OSVALDO HURTADO, DIRECTOR OF THE CHIRSTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, JULIO CESAR TRUJILLO, DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES AND LUIS GOMEZ IZQUIERDO OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION. OTHER MINOR VIOLATORS RECEIVED EIGHT DAY JAIL TERMS.

2. FROM PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DOUBT THAT BUCARAM, AT LEAST, WAS CLEARLY VIOLATING THE REFERENDUM STATUTE'S PROHIBITION AGAINST ELECTION DAY CAMPAIGNING. THE SENTENCING, THOUGH, WAS DONE UNDER THE GOE'S DUBIOUS PROCEDURE OF HAVING THE POLICE "INTENDENTE" WHO FORMALIZES THE CHARGES ALSO FIX THE JAIL TERM WITHOUT AN INDEPENDENT FINDING OF GUILT.

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BUCARAM'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS CLAIM THAT HE SOUGHT THE JAILING FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. THE BUCARAM CAMP PROTESTS HOWEVER THAT HSS ACTIVITIES ON ELECTION DAY WERE CONDONED IN SOME WAY BY THE PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL.
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